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Conservancy to Burn Piles on South and West Shores

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, California – December 2, 2013 – Beginning in December and continuing through spring 2014, the California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) will be burning slash piles generated by 90 acres of forest fuel reduction activities adjacent to several communities.

These operations are part of the Conservancy's ongoing Forestry Program to promote forest health by thinning overstocked, unhealthy trees and reducing forest fuels in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The communities include Meyers and Van Sickle Bi-State Park on the south shore, and the Sunnyside area on the west shore.

Pile burning is the last stage of the Conservancy's thinning projects in these areas. To reduce fire risk and impacts on air quality, burning will be conducted only when weather and other conditions are favorable, and only on designated days in accordance with California Air Resources Board regulations.

Residents and visitors to the area can expect to see smoke from the project areas. Smoke from prescribed burns may continue for several days after the initial ignition and is regularly monitored. Oftentimes overnight smoke will settle in low-lying areas and dissipate throughout the day.

For weekly updates and information on the Conservancy's prescribed burn activities, please call (530) 543-6061. If you have questions about these prescribed burns please call (530) 542-5580.

Established in 1984, the mission of the Conservancy is to lead California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin.